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MISSOULA---

A dozen members of the University of Montana chapter of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) met with UM President Robert T. Pantzer Thursday to discuss next week's recruiting visit to the campus by Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) representatives, operation of the UM Placement Center and general campus policies.

Thomas Culhane, special CIA representative, will be in charge of CIA recruiting interviews with students from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Oct. 15-17, in the UM Placement Center, room 133 of the Liberal Arts Building. The UM Placement Center is coordinating the CIA visit.

The SDS chapter at the University has indicated it will picket the CIA interviews during the government agency's stay on campus.

Both Pantzer and an SDS member who attended the 25-minute meeting Thursday agreed that the discussion was a cordial one and both left the door open for similar meetings in the future.

Commenting on Thursday's meeting, Pantzer said, "The students at Thursday's meeting were very courteous and I would hope that we would keep communication lines open between the University Administration and their organization and other student organizations so that they would know the administration's position on University matters and that we would learn their views and attitudes."

Michael R. Barbre, Great Falls, a junior in sociology at UM and one of the SDS members who attended Thursday's meeting, said, "We found President Pantzer to be very sincere and forthright during our discussion, although we disagree with his position on the CIA and the ability of the students to control their own community."

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In his statements to the SDS students, Pantzer said, "The Placement Center authorizes all bona fide, legitimate agencies, businesses, and individuals to schedule times for interveiwing students for employment placement, such interviews to be conducted on the campus by potential employers.

"There is no limitation of the agency, business, or individual which might conduct such interviews," Pantzer continued, "so long as they are bona fide and legitimate, and the University does not take a position on the merits of the potential employment, believing that this is the prerogative of the student to freely choose a position opportunity.

"The institution expects that the student shall be able to attend an interview by a potential employer without interruption or in any manner being prevented from so doing. It is the University's position that this is a right and freedom necessary to be accorded to the student."

The president reaffirmed the policy statement, adopted years ago by the UM faculty through the Faculty Senate:

"The Faculty Senate reaffirms that a fundamental right in the University is the freedom of expression and that it must be upheld. Freedom of expression includes peaceful assemblage and demonstration which does not interfere with the normal operation of the University."

Pantzer said he indicated to the SDS members attending Thursday's meeting "that students have a legitimate right of participation in UM affairs, and we are continuing to bring about such participation."

The president added, however, that it is his view that "students alone cannot administer the functions of this University" because they lack the "continuity of experience"

necessary for operating the many facets of university life.

"Also," Pantzer emphasized, "if they are doing their work as students they just don't have time to carry on the administrative duties necessary in University affairs."

Concerning SDS opposition to the scheduled CIA visit, Barbre said, "We don't feel the CIA representatives should be allowed on campus because the existence and practices of the CIA are diametrically opposed to everything the academic community stands for--the freedom of thought and expression.

"The CIA," Barbre continued, "is a super-secret, powerful and self-determined organization that answers to no one, and there is no place for such an organization in a democracy or, more important, in a campus community."